[29th November 1928

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether in the proposed amending Bill, the hon. Minister will include a provision abolishing the nomination of the presidentship of the district and taluk boards ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice."

Resolutions passed by the Salem District Board regarding the work of Mr. M. K. Duraiswami Ayyar.

*836 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether certain resolutions were passed by the Salem District Board, regarding the work of M.R.Ry. M. K. Duraiswami Ayyar Avargal, District Board Engineer, Salem, and communicated to Government;

(b) whether Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House a copy of the said resolutions;

(c) what action has been taken by the Government on the resolutions; and

(d) whether it is a fact that similar resolutions had been passed by the South Kanara District Board also, censuring this officer, while he was District Board Engineer in that district?

A.—(a) Yes

(b) No.

(c) They are under consideration.

(d) The Government have no information.

11-30 a.m. Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know when the resolution of the district board was communicatad to the Government ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" About a fortnight ago."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" By what date are orders expected to be passed, Sir ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I cannot give definite information as to when the orders will be passed."

Strengthening the piers of the Cauvery bridge at Komarapalayam in Salem district.

*837 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether Rs. 53,000 was sanctioned in G.O. No. 1693, L. & M., dated 10th May 1927, for the work of strengthening the piers of the Cauvery bridge at Komarapalayam in Salem district;

(b) whether it is a fact that only a sum of Rs. 6,100 has been spent on the work up to date;

(c) whether it is a fact that the District Board Engineer executed most of that work departmentally, even though the work was given on contract;

(d) is the policy of the district board not to do the work by departmental agency;

(e) if so, what are the reasons of the District Board Engineer to execute the work departmentally;

(f) whether any loss was sustained by such departmental work;